

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

September 7, 2021

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning. Let's come  
3 to order and go on the record, please. I'm Charlotte  
4 Mitchell, Chair of the Utilities Commission, and with  
5 me this morning are the following Commissioners. When  
6 I call your name, please announce your presence.  
7 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

8 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Present.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Present.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

12 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Yes. Good  
13 morning.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

15 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Good morning.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

17 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Good morning. Happy  
18 to be here.

19 CHAIR MITCHELL: And Commissioner McKissick.

20 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Good morning.  
21 Present.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: In compliance with the  
23 State Government Ethics Act, I remind members of the  
24 Commission of their duty to avoid conflicts of

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1 interest, and inquire at this time as to whether any  
2 member of the Commission has a known conflict of  
3 interest with respect to matters coming before us this  
4 morning?

5 (No response)

6 The record will reflect no conflicts were  
7 identified, so we'll proceed with Public Staff,  
8 Electric Item P1.

9 MR. WILLIAMSON: Good morning. My name is  
10 David Williamson with the Energy Division. Item P1  
11 are Applications to amend and renew Certificates of  
12 Public Convenience and Necessity along with  
13 Registration Statements for solar facilities.

14 The Public Staff recommends that the  
15 Commission approve these Applications and issue the  
16 Certificates.

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
18 the recommendation.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
21 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
22 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or  
23 discussion on the motion?

24 (No response)

1 (No response)

2 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
3 Indicate your support for the motion by saying aye and  
4 your opposition by saying no. Commissioner  
5 Brown-Bland?

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

10 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley?

12 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

14 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

16 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
18 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

19 (MOTION PASSES)

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Williamson.  
21 We'll proceed now with Public Staff, Water  
22 Item P1.

23 MR. JUNIS: Yes. Charles Junis, acting  
24 Director of the Public Staff - Water, Sewer and

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1 Telephone Division. Water Item P1 filed by Aqua North  
2 Carolina, Inc., in Docket Number W-218, Sub 526A is  
3 Applications for approval to implement six secondary  
4 water quality system improvement projects.

5 On August 30th, 2021, the Public Staff filed  
6 its report and recommendations regarding the  
7 Applications.

8 The Public Staff recommends that the  
9 Commission issue the proposed order authorizing Aqua  
10 to implement its six proposed filtration projects to  
11 comply with Secondary Water Quality Standards.

12 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Make a motion to  
13 approve.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Second.

15 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
16 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
17 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion on the  
18 motion?

19 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Madam Chair, I do  
20 have one question.

21 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

22 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: I was wondering, I  
23 see they're wanting to get rid of magnesium and iron.  
24 Is this a result of testing they initiated? Are they

1 doing this in a proactive way or is it a result of  
2 some type of deficiency that was identified that they  
3 are needing to correct, you know, relating to some  
4 water quality issue?

5 MR. JUNIS: So, Commissioner McKissick, they  
6 are mandated to test for iron and manganese every  
7 three years. There is the Secondary Water Quality  
8 Standards. I'm not 100 percent sure whether for these  
9 specific systems if there were NODs issued by the  
10 Public Water Supply Section, but it's a combination of  
11 a proactive approach. Aqua has set internal limits  
12 that they're trying to target and address, and so for  
13 all of these it's either a combination or one of the  
14 other of an iron and/or manganese problem that they  
15 are actively addressing.

16 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Thank you. I have  
17 no further questions.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Any additional questions or  
19 discussion on the motion?

20 (No response)

21 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
22 Indicate your support for the motion with an aye and  
23 your opposition with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland?

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

2 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

4 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: (Inaudible).

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter is  
6 an aye.

7 Commissioner Duffley?

8 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

10 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

12 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
14 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

15 (MOTION PASSES)

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Junis.

17 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water  
18 Item P2.

19 MS. CASSELBERRY: Good morning. Gina  
20 Casselberry. Items P2 and P3 filed by Carolina Water  
21 Service, Inc. of North Carolina in Docket Number  
22 W-354, Subs 391 and 392, respectively, are  
23 Applications seeking authority to amend its tariff for  
24 the purpose of passing along to its customers the

1 increased cost of purchased water and/or sewer service  
2 from its bulk water and/or sewer provider.

3 The Public Staff recommends that the  
4 Commission issue the proposed order approving the  
5 tariff revision and requiring customer notice.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of  
7 the recommendation.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and  
10 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by  
11 the Public Staff. Any questions or discussion on the  
12 motion?

13 (No response)

14 Hearing none, I'll call the roll for a vote.  
15 Indicate your support with an aye and your opposition  
16 with a no. Commissioner Brown-Bland?

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray?

19 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter?

21 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: (Inaudible).

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: He's an aye.

23 Commissioner Duffley?

24 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

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1 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley is an  
2 aye.

3 Commissioner Hughes?

4 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick?

6 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record I  
8 support the motion as well and the motion carries.

9 (MOTION PASSES)

10 CHAIR MITCHELL: Thank you, Ms. Casselberry.  
11 We'll proceed now to Public Staff, Water Item P3.

12 MS. CASSELBERRY: That was P2 and P3.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: Oh, I'm sorry,  
14 Ms. Casselberry. So, for purposes of the record, the  
15 motion was on P2 and P3.

16 The Commission has before it its minutes of  
17 August 30th.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

19 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Second.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got a motion for  
21 approval by Commissioner Gray with a second from  
22 Duffley. Any questions or discussion on the minutes?

23 (No response)

24 All in favor indicate with an aye.



1 (All Commissioners say aye).

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response)

4 The minutes are approved.

5 Any additional business for the Commission  
6 this morning?

7 (No response)

8 Hearing none, we will be adjourned. Thank  
9 you very much, everybody.

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11 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.

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